

STATISTICS IN REGARD TO CIVIL PENSIONS.

	Old-age.	Widows'.	Maori War.	Miners'.	Invalidity.	Epidemic.
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1937 ..	54,134	4,753	36	861* 179†	7,491	3
New pensions granted, 1937-38	10,685	1,033	..	76* 38†	4,373	..
Deaths during 1937-38	3,956	3	9	65	755	..
Cancellations during 1937-38	910	801	..	29	476	3
Net increase or decrease	+5,819	+229	-9	+20	+3,142	-3
Pensions in force at 31st March, 1938 ..	59,953	4,982	27	868* 192†	10,633	..
Total children in receipt of pension, 31st March, 1938 ..	..	9,845	..	383	3,067	..
Total European pensioners	57,132	4,462	16	1,060	10,080	..
Total Maori pensioners	2,774	520	11	..	548	..
Total Asiatic pensioners	47	..	..	..	5	..
‡Pensioners under section 7 (b), Pensions Act, 1926 ..	126	..	..	..	..	..
Percentage of European pensioners to total European population ..	3.76	0.29	..	0.07	0.66	..
New claims lodged	12,596	1,330	..	168	6,828	..
New claims rejected	2,065	332	..	73	3,033	..
Number of children on whose account pension granted ..	..	2,199	..	..	..	..
Annual liability at 31st March, 1938 ..	£3,373,331	£476,907	£1,580	£86,537	£674,934	..
Average pension per annum	£56 5 4	£95 14 6	£58 10 0	£81 12 9	£63 7 8	..
Gross expenditure for year 1937-38 ..	£3,235,057	£471,287	£1,806	£88,167	£632,829	£14
Increase or decrease on figures of previous year ..	+£821,954	+£59,007	-£166	+£4,914	+£348,069	-£239
Cost per head of European population ..	£2 2s. 7d.	6s. 2d.	0.3d.	1s. 2d.	8s. 4d.	..
Credit from national endowment	£42,660	..	..	..	..	..
Refunds paid to Public Account	£1,390	£152	..	£8	£305	..
Number of pensioners in homes and hospitals ..	1,653	..	1	25	1,080	..
Amount paid to controlling authorities of these ..	£102,318	..	£130	£1,105	£58,493	..
Number of pensioners in mental hospitals ..	216	3	..	2	..	..
Amount paid to Mental Hospitals Department on account of these ..	£11,679	£65	..	£103	..	..
Unpaid instalments as at 31st March, 1938 ..	£7,201	£1,314	£15	£238	£2,935	..
Instalments forfeited and subsequently paid ..	£3,967	£598	£5	£36	£4,594	..
Average of family under fifteen years ..	..	1.98	..	..	..	..
Total claims lodged to date	178,759	22,919	1,893	3,619	19,131	..
Total claims established	142,883	19,170	1,698	2,772	12,371	972
Total claims rejected	34,457	3,665	195	839	6,239	..
Total number of children benefited	..	45,744	..	..	..	..
Total deaths	67,436	154	1,665	1,095	1,095	14
Total guardians appointed	..	437	..	..	..	..
Total cancellations	15,494	14,034	6	617	643	958
Grand total paid to date	£30,743,778	£5,734,953	£611,215	£991,625	£1,091,446	£474,101
Total amount paid on account funeral expenses ..	..	..	..	£10,448	..	..
Total credit from national endowment ..	£903,049	..	..	..	..	..
Invalidity appeals—						
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1937 ..	..	..	..	..	166	..
Appeals lodged during 1937-38	..	..	..	..	944	..
Appeals dismissed during 1937-38	..	..	..	..	558	..
Appeals upheld during 1937-38	..	..	..	..	431	..
Appeals withdrawn and struck out 1937-38 ..	..	..	..	..	64	..
Appeals outstanding on 31st March, 1938 ..	..	..	..	..	57	..
Percentage upheld	..	..	..	..	40.9	..

* Miners. † Widows of miners. ‡ Pensions may be granted to males sixty years and over and to females fifty-five years and over in cases where two or more children under fifteen are being maintained. The 126 cases above comprise: European—Males, 60 and under 65, 102; females, 55 and under 60, 12; Maori—Males, 60 and under 65, 10; females, 55 and under 60, 2.

Total European population at 31st March, 1938, 1,517,712.